

Arizona Medical Marijuana Dispensary Program

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Program History

- April 14, 2011: Arizona Medical Marijuana Act effective and begins to accept applications for qualifying patients and designated caregivers
- December 6, 2012: First dispensary opens and dispenses



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ADHS Licensing Responsibilities

- The Department is responsible for issuing registry identification cards or registration certificates to the following:
 - Qualifying patients
 - Designated caregivers
 - Dispensaries
 - Dispensary agents



Medical Marijuana Act Confidentiality (A.R.S §36-2810)

- The AMMA has a strict confidentiality statute
- ADHS cannot disclose information to anyone regarding:
 - Cardholder names or information contained within their applications
 - Physical addresses of dispensaries*
 - Physicians who certify patients

* ADHS does provide the names and addresses of dispensaries to active qualifying patients.



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Nonprofit Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

- Not-for-profit entity that may:
 - Dispense
 - Acquire
 - Cultivate
 - Prepare and sell edibles
 - Transport
- A dispensary may receive compensation for expenses incurred in its operation.

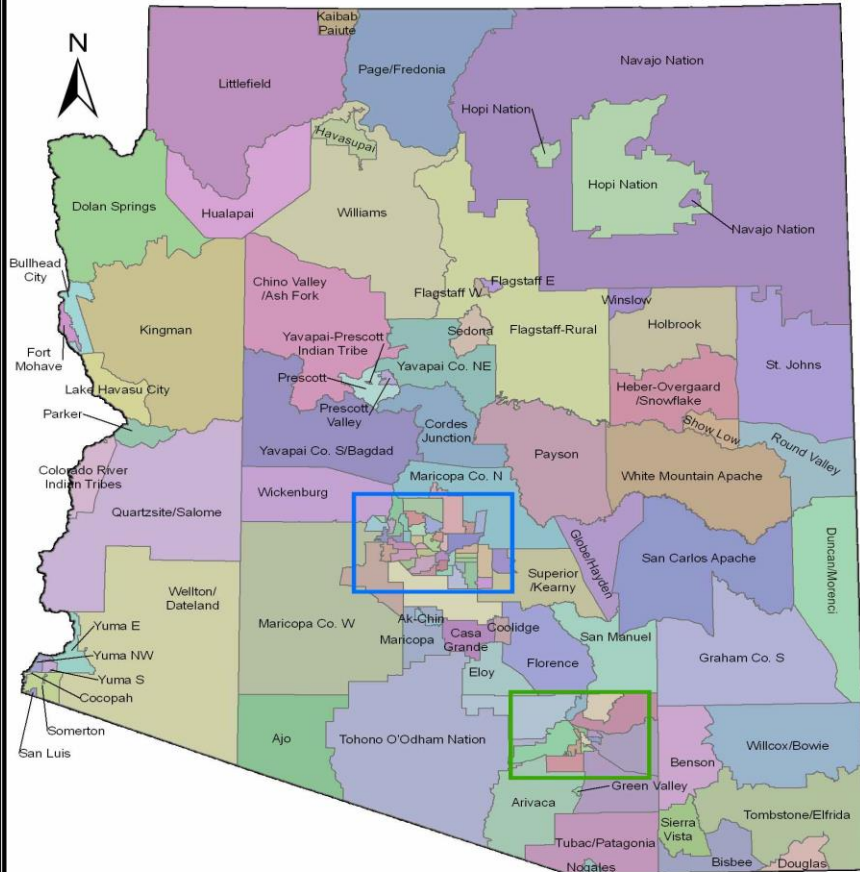


Community Health Analysis Areas (CHAAs)

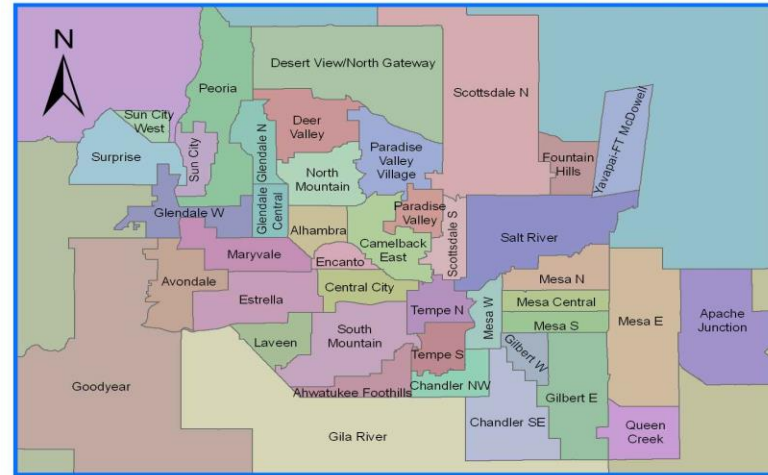
- Statute allows ADHS to issue one dispensary registration certificate for every ten pharmacies in the state. Current maximum number of potential dispensaries is 130.
- In 2012, dispensaries were distributed throughout the state using the CHAA map.
- Change of location requirements specified in rule.
- 2016 allocation process



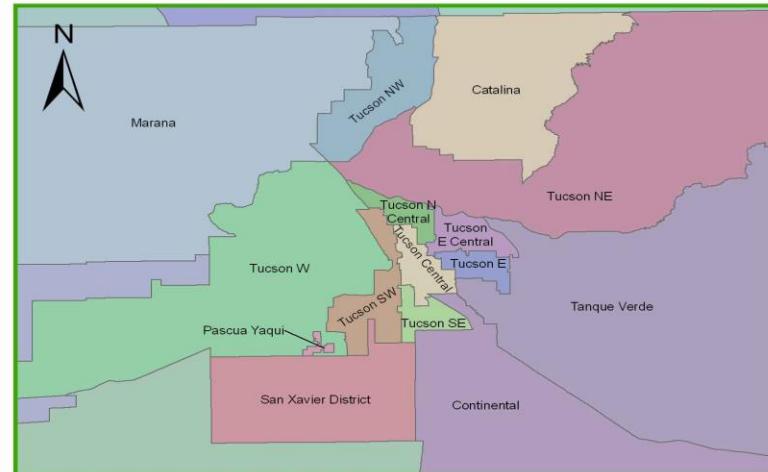
Community Health Analysis Areas



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Allocation

- 2012 – 99 allocated – 1 per CHAA
- 2016 – 31 allocated – CHAAs with highest qualifying patient density



Dispensary Licensing

- Dispensary Registration Certificate
- Approval to Operate
- Cultivation Site Application
- Modifications
- Change of Location
- Annual Renewal



Dispensary Statistics

- Dispensaries Licensed: 130
- Dispensaries Operating: 95
- Cultivation Sites: 74
- Kitchens: 25



Dispensary Inspections

- Approval to Operate
- Compliance
 - Administration
 - Inventory Control System
 - Product Labeling and Analysis
 - Security
 - Edible Food Products
 - Physical Plant
- Complaint



Nonprofit Medical Marijuana Dispensary Agents

- Must be at least 21
- Cannot have been convicted of an excluded felony offense
- Volunteers working within a dispensary are required to obtain a dispensary agent card.
- Dispensaries must apply for registry cards (\$500/card) for each dispensary agent annually.

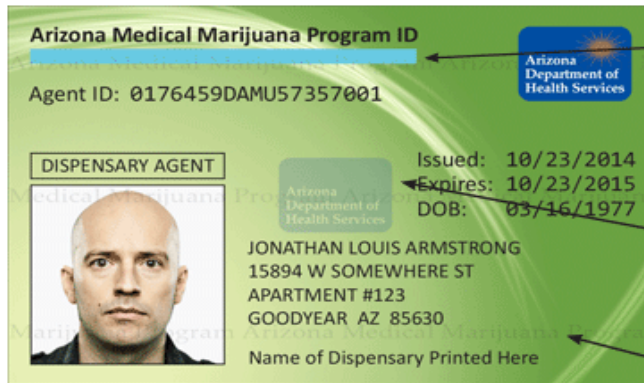


Dispensary Medical Directors

- Every dispensary is required to appoint a physician to serve as the medical director
 - Provide training to dispensary agents
 - Develop education materials for qualifying patients
 - Must be onsite or available by phone during dispensing hours
 - May not provide written certifications for medical marijuana for any qualifying patient



Dispensary Agent Cards



Color Bar Identifier

ADHS prints ID cards with colored bar identifiers as follows:

Qualifying Patient – Yellow
Designated Caregiver – Red
Dispensary Agent – Blue
Dispensary Member – Purple

Ultraviolet Security Image

Under a black light, the ADHS logo (without the copper sunburst) is revealed in the center of the card.

Clear Laminate Hologram

The words "Arizona Medical Marijuana Program" are printed across the card on three separate lines within the clear laminate—once across the top, middle, and bottom of the card.



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MM Verification System

- Password-protected website:
 - Verification system for law enforcement, employers, and dispensary agents
 - Point of Sale system for dispensary agents
 - Dispensary Agent applications
 - Employers may use the verification system only to verify a registry identification card
 - Law enforcement will be able to see the last 60 days of transactions from a dispensary





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Welcome to the AZ Medical Marijuana Card Verification/Point of Sale System.

This portal will be used to verify/validate Medical Marijuana Cards, as well as submission of Dispensary Medical Marijuana Transactions. In order to register for access, please select your appropriate role from the list below.

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Employers

This system is accessible to employers to allow for lawful Arizona Medical Marijuana Card verification.

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Law Enforcement Officers

This system is accessible to AZ Law Enforcement Officers to allow for lawful Medical Marijuana Card verification, as well as lawful Medical Marijuana Transaction verification.

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Dispensary Agents

This system is accessible to AZ Medical Marijuana Dispensary Agents to allow for lawful Medical Marijuana Card verification, as well as to record lawful Medical Marijuana transactions.

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Dispensary Members

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